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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Kent C. B. Stalker  
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Art Unit : 3763  
Examiner : Ghafoorian, Roz  
Title : DEVICE FOR, AND METHOD OF, BLOCKING EMBOLI IN  
VESSELS SUCH AS BLOOD ARTERIES  
Docket No.: : ACS 52008 (1816P) August 26, 2004  
Customer No. : 24201 Los Angeles, California

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This Response is made to the Office Action of June 1, 2004 for which a response is due September 1, 2004.

The Listing of Claims begin on page 2. No amendments are made to the claims.

Remarks begin on page 8.